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	France	Mr. Duclos
	Greece	Mrs. Papadopoulou
	Japan	Mr. Oshima
	Philippines	Mr. Lacanilao
	Romania	Mr. Dumitru
	United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland	Mr. Thomson
	United Republic of Tanzania	Mrs. Taj
	United States of America	Mr. Bolton

Agenda

Threats to international peace and security caused by terrorist acts

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The meeting was called to order at 10.10 a.m.

Adoption of the agenda

The agenda was adopted.

Threats to international peace and security caused by terrorist acts

The President (*spoke in Russian*): I should like to inform the Council that I have received a letter from the representative of Jordan, in which he requests to be invited to participate in the consideration of the item on the Council's agenda. In conformity with the usual practice, I propose, with the consent of the Council, to invite that representative to participate in the consideration without the right to vote, in accordance with the relevant provisions of the Charter and rule 37 of the Council's provisional rules of procedure.

There being no objection, it is so decided.

At the invitation of the President, Prince Zeid Ra'ad Zeid Al-Hussein (Jordan) took a seat at the Council table.

The President (*spoke in Russian*): The Security Council will now begin its consideration of the item on its agenda. The Council is meeting in accordance with the understanding reached in its prior consultations.

After consultations among members of the Security Council, I have been authorized to make the following statement on behalf of the Council:

"The Security Council condemns in the strongest terms the terrorist bombings that took place in Amman, Jordan, on 9 November 2005.

"The Security Council expresses its deepest sympathy and condolences to the victims of these attacks and their families, and to the people and the Government of the Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan.

"The Security Council underlines the need to bring the perpetrators, organizers, financiers and sponsors of these intolerable acts to justice, and urges all States, in accordance with their obligations under international law and resolutions 1373 (2001) and 1624 (2005), to cooperate with and provide support and assistance, as appropriate, to the Government of the Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan in this regard.

"The Security Council reaffirms that terrorism in all its forms and manifestations constitutes one of the most serious threats to international peace and security, and that any acts of terrorism are criminal and unjustifiable, regardless of their motivation, wherever, whenever and by whomsoever committed.

"The Security Council further reaffirms the need to combat by all means, in accordance with the Charter of the United Nations, threats to international peace and security caused by terrorist acts. The Council reminds States that they must ensure that any measures taken to combat terrorism comply with all their obligations under international law, in particular international human rights, refugee and humanitarian law.

"The Security Council reiterates its determination to combat all forms of terrorism, in accordance with its responsibilities under the Charter of the United Nations."

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I now give the floor to the representative of Jordan.

Prince Zeid Ra'ad Zeid Al-Hussein (Jordan) (*spoke in Arabic*): I should like to extend to you, Sir, and to the members of the Security Council our sincere thanks and appreciation for your adoption of a presidential statement strongly condemning the terrorist attacks on innocent civilians yesterday in Amman. We also thank you for your expressions of condolence and sympathy with the families of the victims, the people and Government of my country.

In reiterating the determination of the Jordanian Government to pursue the perpetrators and bring them to justice, I reaffirm my country's commitment to cooperating with the Security Council and to stepping up its efforts to combat the scourge of terrorism, in accordance with the United Nations Charter and resolutions 1373 (2001) and 1624 (2005).

The President (*spoke in Russian*): The Security Council has thus concluded the present stage of its consideration of the item on its agenda.

The meeting rose at 10.15 a.m.